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SUBJECT: COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR 1975/76 COMMUNITY GRAIN AID

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1 THE EC COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL ALLOCATING THE COMMUNITY-FINANCED PORTION OF THE EC 1975/76 FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR GRAINS. THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL APPROVE THIS PROGRAM BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE COMMISSON PROPOSAL COVERS THE COMMUNITY SHARE (707,850 M.T.) OF THE TOTAL EC COMMITMENT (1,287,700 M.T.) UNDER THE FOOD AID CONVENTION. THE REMAINING SHARE CONCERNS MEMBER STATE BILATERAL FOOD AID ACTIONS.

2. THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT THE COMMUNITY SHARE OF 707,850 M.T. BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: 544,000 M.T DIRECTLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES 105,000 M.T. TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (ICRC,UNICEF,

WFP, UNRWA)

58,850 M.T AS EMERGENCY RESERVES

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AROUND 82 PERCENT OF THE DIRECT AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL

GO TO THOSE COUNTRIES ON THE MSA LIST. IN ALL CASES COMMUNITY AID WILL GO TO COUNTRIES HAVING A GRAIN DEFICIT AND WHICH, BY AND LARGE,HAVE A PER CAPITA INCOME OF LESS THAN DOLS 300 A YEAR.

- 3. UNDER THE PROPOSED AID PROGRAM THE COMMUNITY WILL PAY THE DELIVERY COSTS OF THE GRAIN FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES.
- 4. THE COMMISSION ESTIMATES THE COST OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY GRAIN AID PROGRAM AT 97 MILLION U.A., TO COME OUT OF THE 1976 BUDGET.
- 5. THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL ONLY ALLOCATES WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN BUDGETED FOR 1975/76 GRAIN AID THE TOTAL EC AID FOR 1975/76 REMAINS THE SAME AS THE 1974/75 LEVEL (1,287,000 M.T.), BUT THE COMMUNITY- FINANCED SHARE HAS INCREASED FROM 50 PERCENT TO 55 PERCENT OF THIS TOTAL. THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE 1975/76 COMMUNITY GRAIN AID BE INCREASED TO 1,064,300 M.T., AT A COST OF AROUND 146 MILLION U. A. THIS WOULD BRING THE TOTAL EC AID TO 1,643,765, A VOLUME THAT THE COMMISSION FEELS WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THAT DONOR COUNTRIES INCREASE THEIR FOOD AID COMMITMENT.
 HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL HAS NOT APPROVED THIS COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED COMMUNITY AID FOR 1975/76 NOR DID IT EVER ACT ON A SIMILAR PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED COMMUNITY AID FOR 1974/75 (REFAIR).

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